HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 147

By McManus

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Barbara Hamilton, the Germantown Lions Club 2010 Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Barbara Hamilton, who was recently named Citizen of the Year by the Germantown Lions Club in recognition of her many years of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, truly exemplifying the Lions' motto of "We Serve," Ms. Hamilton has graciously donated almost 40,000 hours of service to the Methodist Hospital System since 1979; and

WHEREAS, since 1959, Barbara Hamilton has also been an active and important member of the Germantown Methodist Church, where she faithfully serves her Lord as a member of the choir and as an adult Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, a renowned philanthropist, Ms. Hamilton and her husband, Dr. Ralph Hamilton, generously donated the chapel at Germantown Methodist Hospital and a chapel at the Memphis Theological Seminary, helped establish the Hamilton Eye Institute at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and the Performing Arts Center at Lambuth College, and assisted with the construction of the Hamilton Science Building at Rust College; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Barbara Hamilton was honored with the 2010 Living Award from the Methodist/LeBonheur Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the greater Germantown community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Barbara Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Ms. Hamilton who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Hamilton for her many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to others, and her astute leadership in Germantown; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Barbara Hamilton for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and the people of Germantown, congratulate her upon being named the Germantown Lions Club 2010 Citizen of the Year, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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